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EDITORIAL

LUKE COMINO

I would like to introduce the 1988/89 Editorial Team:

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I hope all Gospyans enjoy reading the newsletter this year, and we would welcome any comments regarding the newsletter.

Contributions to the newsletter would be much appreciated. However, the success of the newsletter will be measured by contributions from Gospyans. Gospyans can make contributions in the form of a feature, Gospyan species, Kotsobolia, photos and news items in general.

We were to have a feature on the Greek Pavillion at Expo, but unfortunately, we did not get it in time for this months' newsletter, so it will appear in the next newsletter.

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ST. GEORGE



Victor Hugo defined popularity as glory's small change, but in the case of the enormously popular St. George it is more a matter of being short changed, ironically enough, by those admirers over the years after his martyrdom who tried to out-do one another in their accounts of his heroism. There have been so many myths about this great soul that it is difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff, all to the grievous detriment of this mighty saint. There is so much legend attached to his holy name that there are Christians who have in exasperation dismissed him as the product of some storyteller's imagination which somehow got into the record of saints and has been allowed to cling there out of sentiment, if nothing else.

It is a matter of accurate record, however, that St. George was an actual human being, and that he lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian in the third century and partially into the fourth. ^{He was by far Syria's most noble saint, a Christian warrior who captured} Since everyone loves a brave military man to begin with, if that glamorous soldier's image is enhanced by a strong Christian faith, then he is apt to be so blown up in legend as to explode into incredulity.

Before he became the "Victorious Great Martyr," St. George served in the legions of Rome, making a reputation for himself as a fearless officer and highly respected leader of men, thus laying the groundwork for a later adulation that was to cloud his holy spirit and proximity to God. The hero worshippers had a tendency to forget that his commitment to Jesus Christ, and not his heroic character, made him a venerated saint of the Christian Church. His biographers, of whom there have been many in the Church, have winced at some of the grossly exaggerated accounts of his exploits and have been forced to wade through a sea of fantasy before arriving at the shore of truth about him. But as someone said, there can be no real beauty without some strangeness in the proportion.

Legend piled up on legend over the years so that when the crusades were launched from England, the hero-loving crusaders returned from the Holy Land with some well magnified stories about St. George, whom they took to their bosoms with genuine admiration and affection. The ironic humour of G.K. Chesterton epitomizes the skepticism in a poem which ...

"St. George he was from England,
And before he killed the dragon
He drank a pint of English ale
Out of a flagon."

The facts are that St. George was Syrian to the core, and resigned his commission in the Roman army rather than participate in any of the Pagan rituals expected of the soldiers. He also resented the merciless persecution of the Christians, whose ranks he joined in a total commitment to Jesus Christ. The fight he put up for Christianity was to prove his undoing, and the terrible retribution on the part of the tyrant Diocletian was all the more intense against a man whom he considered a traitor for having gone over to the side of decency.

There are many accounts of the manner in which St. George died for Christ, but it is certain that he was put through unspeakable tortures which he bravely endured before finally being beheaded in Nicomedia, a town in Asia Minor on an inlet of the Sea of Marmora. His courage gave heart to the many converts for which he was responsible and his defiant spirit lingered on to inspire the Christians to greater effort in behalf of the Savior, despite the great danger involved.

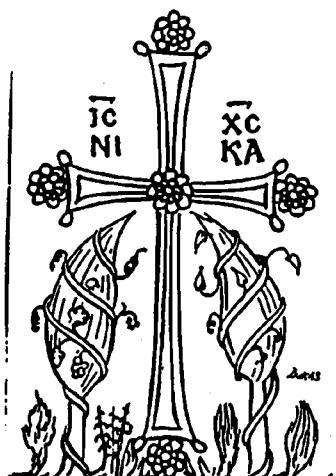
The Emperor Constantine some years later erected the Church of St. George in his memory, setting a precedent for the parade of churches which were to be erected in his memory in the years to come. St. George symbolizes the struggle against paganism and the never-ending combat between good and evil, one of the Sons of Light who wages an unending combat against the Dragon of Darkness. In the roster of soldiers who have become Christian saints, the name of St. George leads all the rest.

Saint George the Victorious Great Martyr

Commemorated on April 23.

TROPARION OF SAINT GEORGE:

As a Deliverer of captives and a Defender of the poor,
a Healer of the Infirmed and a Champion of Kings: Victorious
Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our soul's
salvation.



CHRISTOS ANESTI. I hope everyone was at Church for Easter. It is easy to be complacent and joke about being somewhere else, but God is very important. All Gospyans should go to church regularly and on every second Friday from April 22nd, Father Constantine holds Fellowship.

Gospya has not held any functions recently due to Easter, but on 17th April, Gospya held a Taverna night at Hot Gossip. I am pleased to say the night was well supported by Gospyans.

On May 15th, our new hall will be officially opened after Church at 11.00 a.m. All Gospyans should come along to the opening and support the Parish. There will be a band there which will play all afternoon, and that night Gospya will be holding a Taverna night to celebrate the opening of our new Hall. If you come before 6.00 p.m. admission will be free.

Unfortunately, some Gospyans did not renew their membership, and as a result will not receive this newsletter. Membership costs \$5.00. If you know someone who has not renewed their membership, then urge them to renew it so they can receive this quality publication.

As you would be aware World Expo will begin soon. But you may not be aware that at the Expo there will be a Greek Pavillion. The Greek Pavillion will be very good and you won't be dissapointed. Either this newsletter or the next, I will publish some background material on the Greek Pavillion, so you will know what to expect.

Most Gospyans will have received about ten days ago, a special mail out with an application form for volunteer work at Expo. I posted them out because they need volunteers to work in the Greek Pavillion.

If you can spare the time fill in the form and return it to Lorraine Martin. Please be sure to make it clear you are volunteering to work on the Greek Pavillion. Working at Expo on our Pavillion is a once in a lifetime experience, that will be an exciting and memorable time.



HI! I write this report after the recent success of the Gospyan Hot Gossip Taverna night held on April 17th.

I had been approaching this evening with some scepticism due to the fact that Luke and Venesa would be celebrating their Engagement on that evening. (Congratulations Luke and Venesa!). However my doubts for the evening were unjustified as once again it was an excellent evening, and everyone who attended appeared to be having a rage.

Our next Taverna night should also be a very exciting and even historical event. On Sunday May 15th, Gospya will enter the NEW CHURCH HALL, and celebrate its' opening in true Gospyan spirit.

As this Taverna night will be held at our own premises there will be no under-age/Identification problems. This means all Gospyans are more than welcome! Just think how proud you will feel in sixty years time to be able to tell your grandchildren that you were at the opening of the New Church Hall !! Be There!!

Michael and I are still waiting to hear from any girls intending to make their debut this year. Or have we heard from any other girls interested in representing Gospya in this years' Miss Greek Community Quest to be held on June 4th.

Remember, the more you do, the more you have time to do.

Love

Eve

OUT 'N' ABOUT



LUKE AND VENESA
ON THEIR ENGAGEMENT
(WITH THE KOMBARO)



G'Day Orthodox mates,

It's been a long time since we've spoken to you, so here is all the latest from our on the spot, up to the minute fellowship group. Firstly, our attention is drawn to the very large and diverse expo site. Greece and its culture will make the Greek Pavillion a showcase not to be missed.

Secondly, we would like to draw your attention to the opening of the Southside Parish Hall. Why don't you all come and help us celebrate together with His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos and Father Constantine. It should be an event not to be missed, Sunday 15th of May.

Concluding this report, I urge you all to please come along to our Fellowship nights, because you will be the ones who will benefit. Next meeting will be 6th May at 7.30 p.m.

P.S. If anyone has had any interesting religious experiences please come forward and share it with us.

Your friends in Christ,

Andrew, George and Zam.



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

SPIRO CONOMOS

There are about 350 members for the start of 1988, not an unusual figure for this time of the year. At this stage, there may be some mistakes in my typing, so read your newsletter envelope and bring any mistakes to my attention (through any committee member) . There will be no more GOSPYA Taverna Nites that include free membership. This means that it will cost \$5 to become a member of GOSPYA in 88'. All those that attended the sign on nights (and signed on!) have now been added to the membership list so you should all be getting a newsletter. If I am sending more than one newsletter to the same address, please let me know. Also, if your address has a unit number in it eg. 27/3 DORNOCHE TCE, or it is just a post office box eg. P.O. BOX 10, then don't worry if this issue doesn't make it, I am still sorting those out. (If it's really bothering you, I can send you one personally, or see any committee member.)



HOT Gossip
17/4/88

GOSPYAN SPECIES

NAME: ANDREW THEO SAMIOS
NICKNAME: TURBO
PLACE OF BIRTH: MITSUBISHI
FAVORITE DISH: PASTA
FAVORITE MOVIE: BATHURST
FAVORITE DRINK: METHANOL
FAVORITE T.V. SHOW: ADDAMS FAMILY
FAVORITE RELAXATION: REJECTING WOMEN
FAVORITE SINGER: DIAL TONE ON THE CAR PHONE
AMBITION: TO OWN FORTUNES DISCO
MOST COMMON SAYING: "DON'T SLAM MY DOOR"
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: A FEMALE EQUIVALENT
TO A CORDIA
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON \$1,000,000: DO UP THE CORDIA
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE GOSPYA TO DO FOR YOU: FIND HIM A NIFI

NAME: MARIA LAKIS
NICKNAME: RICKY, FACE-ACHE
PLACE OF BIRTH: SALEM
FAVORITE DISH: CHOCOLATE
FAVORITE MOVIE: GONE WITH THE WIND
FAVORITE DRINK: KAH LUA AND ICE, LIME SCOTCH &
LEMONADE
FAVORITE T.V. SHOW: DAYS OF OUR LIVES
FAVORITE SPORT: SOCIALISING, PARTYING
FAVORITE RELAXATION: WATCHING "DAYS OF OUR LIVES"
FAVORITE SINGER: BILLY JOEL, HOODOO GURUS, VIOLENT
FEMMES, GEORGE MICHAEL, LIZ CURTIS, BEAU BRADY, PATRICK SWAYZE
AMBITION: BE PATRICK SWAYZE'S PARTNER IN DIRTY
DANCING 11
MOST COMMON SAYING: "YOU'RE SAD, LORDY, FREAK ME OUT, I
CAN'T COPE, SORT OF A THING, A...CHEW AT THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS"
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: MARIETTA AND EVE AT KON-TIKI
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON \$1,000,000: STOP WORKING AT
CISEAUX HAIR DESIGN, AND LIVE A LIFE OF PURE INDULGENCE
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE GOSPYA TO DO FOR YOU: STOP PLAYING OLD
DISCO MUSIC AND PLAY MORE AUSSIE ROCK AND CLASSIC ROCK AT
TAVERNA NIGHTS

NAME: CON PAPPAS
NICKNAME: KOTA, T.C.C.P.
PLACE OF BIRTH: GOONDAWINDI, BACK IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS
FAVORITE DISH: DONOR KEBAB WITH AVOCADO
FAVORITE MOVIE: ANYTHING WITH ARNOLD SCHWARGNEGER
FAVORITE DRINK: M M M M M M MALIBU, DIET COKE
FAVORITE T.V. SHOW: A COUNTRY PRACTICE
FAVORITE SPORT: DRIVING NICKS' CAR, PLAYING UNION
FAVORITE RELAXATION: DRIVING NICKS' CAR
FAVORITE SINGER: JIMMY BARNES (OF COURSE)
AMBITION: TO OWN HIS OWN SPORTS CAR, PREFERABLY
A JAG
MOST COMMON SAYING: T.B. & C.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: JIMMY BARNES (BUT OF COURSE)
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WON \$1,000,000: CUT OUT THE RUST AND
HOT UP THE BEAST, TO BRIBE HIS UNI LECTURERS
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE GOSPYA TO DO FOR YOU: GET JIMMY BARNES TO
PLAY AT A TAVERNA NIGHT

KOTSOBOLIA

- ** Gospya would like to say good-bye for a year to the Condoleon family as they go jetsetting around the world.
- ** Congratulations to Helen Collivas on your new Red Toyota Corolla Seca.
- ** John Papas seemed to be having such a great time at his 21st that he managed to get his face in his cake. Good one John!!
- ** Congratulations to Linda Lakis as she opened her hairdressing salon called "CISEAUX" at Mount Gravatt, in March.
- ** Enquiries are still being made into the accidental fire to the coach at the last Hot Gossip function. It is amazing how these things start??
- ** Congratulations to Greg Sclavos on your new Exa.
- ** You may remember a past item of Kotsobolia where George Pelecas's car was stolen from the front of the Sheraton and found by the police a few weeks later at the north coast. Well, this is a continuation to the car that won't die. As George was driving home from the gym, (at Stones Corner) he got off the freeway at Juliette Street, when a car came up Juliette Street and went straight through a red light, and hit Georges's car at 80 k.m.h. BUT, the Gold Falcon survives yet again. Despite the extensive damage the Gold Falcon is back on the road ready to face its next challenge.
- ** This must be all Gospyans are good at but, two more prominent Gospyans managed to smash their cars in the last two weeks. Are we good drivers or what!!!!
- ** Congratulations to two of Gospya's debutantes of 1987, who have given logo, Arthur Kapeleris and Kathy Tsokolenis.
- ** I wonder that it was that made two Gospyans so eager to work all night on the door at the recent Hot Gossip function. Could it have been their over whelming support to Gospya or could it have been the bouncers they were working with????
- ** Goodbye Marietta! The rumours are true! Marietta Careedy is sick of Brisbane weather. She is soon to leave Expo city for the more Northern destination of Gladstone. Good luck from Gospya, Marietta, in your new teaching appointment.
- ** Another logo Congratulations to John Dapeleris and Sophie Ktenavos.

MAY-JUNE

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CONGRATULATNS GINO AND KOULA ON YOUR WEDDING	MAY 1 * 8	2	3	4	5	6 * 7 JOHN KAPELERISS'S 21ST EVE'S 21ST CONGRATULATN DIAN MERCDES 21ST
* TAVERNA NIGHT - OPENING OF NEW HALL	* 15	16	17	18	19	20 * 21 PANIYIRI
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

MISS
GREEK
COMMUNITY

MAY 15 - TAVERNA NIGHT AT NEW HALL

MAY 21 - PANAYIRI.

*MAY 6, 20 JUNE 3, 17 - FELLOWSHIP
AT CHURCH 7:30

MAY 21 - PANAYIRI.